(b) whether Government have any proposal to set up special courts to give justice to these people at their door steps;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) to (d) The Government is engaged in a constant review of the need for judicial reforms as reforms in judicial administration is a continuous process, mainly to provide cheap and speedy justice to the common man. The Government have entrusted the Law Commission with a comprehensive study of the judicial reforms. The Law Commission has already submitted six reports to the Government on Gram Nyayalaya, Tax Court, Indian Judicial Service, Training Institute for judicial Officers, Appointment to subordinate Judiciary and Access to Exclusive Forum for victims of Motor Accidents etc. Decision as to the amendments to the judicial system will be taken after the Government have examined the reports of the Law Commission.

Electronic balloting in elections

351. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce electronic balloting to reduce cost of elections;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) The Election Commission had recommended the introduction of electronic voting machines in elections to the Lok Sabha and State Assemblies as part of the proposals to improve the present election system. The introduction of the electronic voting machine was expected to ensure better regulation of the pace of voting, quicker declaration of the results and also reduction in the expenditure through elimination or reduction of ballot boxes, ballot papers, polling materials, number of polling personnel, etc. A preliminary decision has been taken by the Government to introduce such a machine; however a final decision will be taken after consultation with the political parties

(c) Does not arise.

Transportation as industry

352. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:
SHRI RAMSINGHBHAI PATALIYABHAI RATHVAKOLI:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether transportation by road or sea is considered to be an industry if so, whether the incentives available to industries of backward area art also available to a transport company head office of which is situated in a backward area;

(b) if so, what are the norms for availing of these benefits to a transport company; and

(c) whether the imports of technically advanced equipments like specialised containers etc. which can bring in considerable economy in transport operations is considered unde capital goods import scheme; if s what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) Transportation by road or sea has not been

recognised as industry within the provisions of Industries (Development & Regulation) Act, 1951. The incentives available to industrial undertakings in backward areas are not available to Offices of transport companies located in backward areas.

(c) Import of capital goods by various types of actual users is allowed as per the Import-Export Policy, April-1985 to March-1988, subject to certification of essentiality of import and indigenous clearance.

Portland Cement

353. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:
SHRI RAMSINGHBHAI PATALIYABHAI RATHVAKOLI:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether British Standards, American Standards or Indian Standard Industries, in their specifications for Ordinary Portland Cement, have stipulated any specific colour for Ordinary Portland Cement and if so, what colour is essential for qualifying as Ordinary Portland Cement; and

(b) whether the Cement manufacturer is at liberty to produce Ordinary Portland Cement in some colour other than grey colour without affecting anyway the chemical and physical requirements as prescribed by ISI-269/76 with a view to safeguard his product from adulteration and for keeping distinction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRIM. ARUNACHALAM): (a) No specific colour has been stipulated by British Standards, American Standards or Indian Standards Industries in their specifications for Ordinary Portland Cement. Depending upon the raw material mix used, natural colour of cement obtained may vary, but no specific colour is essential in qualifying as an Ordinary Portland Cement.

(b) In accordance with the scheme of compulsory ISI Certification Mark introduced w.e.f. 1-7-83, in respect of cement, all producers of cement in the country are required to manufacture Ordinary Portland Cement according to Indian Standards. However, the Indian Standard does not preclude the production of Ordinary Portland Cement in colour other than natural colour provided it satisfies all the requirements of India Standard.

Assistance sought by Panjab Government under UNDP Programme

354. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Punjab has repeatedly urged the Central Government to provide assistance under UNDP programme (1985—90) for small scale sector in the State;

(b) what is the reaction of the Central Government thereto;

(c) whether the Central Government have not approved even a single project under UNDP assistance; and

(d) what further efforts Central Government propose to provide assistance for the small scale sectors in the State of Punjab?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (d) Government of India in consultation with the Government of Punjab had recommended 3 new projects under UNDP programme for 1985—90. These projects could not be accommodated due to resource constraints by the UNDP. However, UNDP approved additional funds for the following 4 ongoing projects for 1985—90 programme for the State of Punjab:—

(i) Sewing Machine Dev. Centre. Ludhiana.